

**REMARKS**

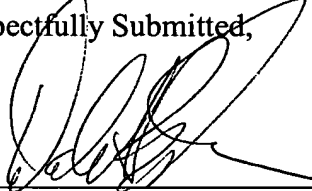
With this amendment, claims 1-23 have been cancelled, and new claims 24-43 are presented for consideration in order to expedite prosecution. It is respectfully submitted that the currently presented new claims are fully supported by the present specification, particularly at page 5, lines 23-25; and page 8, lines 6-10; page 10, lines 7-11.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration and passage of the above application to issue is earnestly solicited. In the event that a phone conference between the Examiner and the Applicant's undersigned attorney would help resolve any issues in the application, the Examiner is invited to contact said attorney at (651) 275-9811.

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